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Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am the government relations representative for two associations of small business owners in North Carolina. Hardly a day goes by that members in either of my groups-Independent Auto Body Association or North Carolina Glass Association-do not have a dilemma to deal with that has something to do with government, either state or federal.

That is why when I heard about the Federal Register notice on the Microsoft case I was interested in expressing an opinion. In my view, I hope that Judge Kollar-Kotelly will agree to the settlement in this case as quickly as possible so that the parties involved can move forward and the matter can be finally put to rest. As I have expressed at an earlier time in letters to my congressmen and senators, I have always pushed for a speedy ending these proceedings.

Now that Microsoft has agreed to a settlement that will open their facilities to an independent panel and agreed to other provisions the government wanted in the first place, I see no reason for delay. It makes no sense to hold up with one of the world's most successful companies from moving forward with new products and more innovations.

I am delighted that this settlement will end years of litigation and that North Carolina has agreed to withdraw its state lawsuit. I earnestly hope that the agreement is approved by the judge.

Sincerely,

Mike Causey

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